

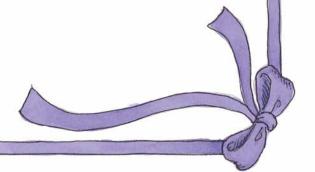
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To my sweetest little doll, Julianna



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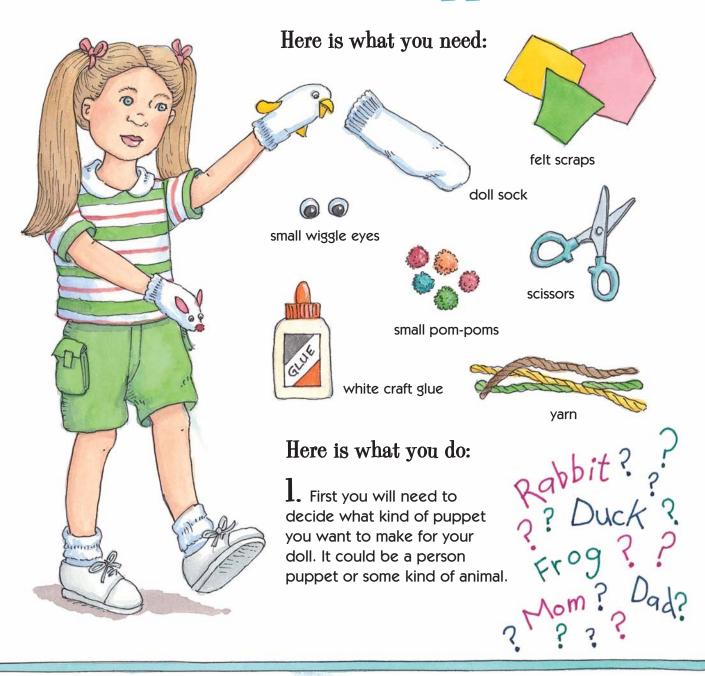
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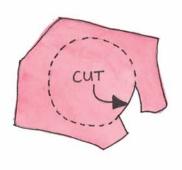
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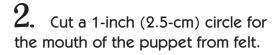


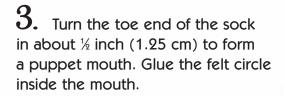
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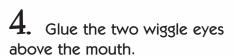
Doll Sock Puppets

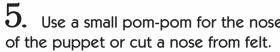


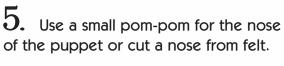






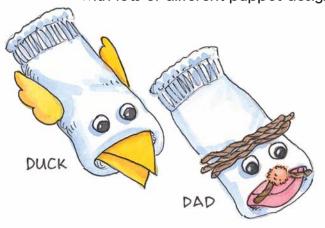






6. Add details to the puppet such as yarn hair for a person puppet or long ears cut from felt for a rabbit.

Making sock puppets for your doll is just like making sock puppets from your own old socks. Use your imagination and creativity to come up with lots of different puppet designs.





ADD GLUE

Slip a puppet over each hand of your doll and help her put on a puppet show. What fun!

Capture the handprint of your special doll friend in plaster.

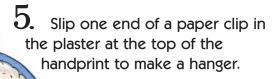
My Doll's Handprint in Plaster



2. Mix some plaster in the disposable container following the instructions on the package.

3. Fill a lid with plaster for each handprint you are making. It's a good idea to make several and then save the best ones.

4. Press the doll's plastic-covered hand into the wet plaster. Because dolls' hands are often curved and do not move, you may not be able to get a print of the entire hand. This is not a problem. Get as much of the shape of the hand as you can, then use the craft stick to carefully dig out the rest of the hand shape. (If you use a slightly larger lid for one of the handprints, you will have room to put your doll's name under the print. You can make the letters with a pencil point.)



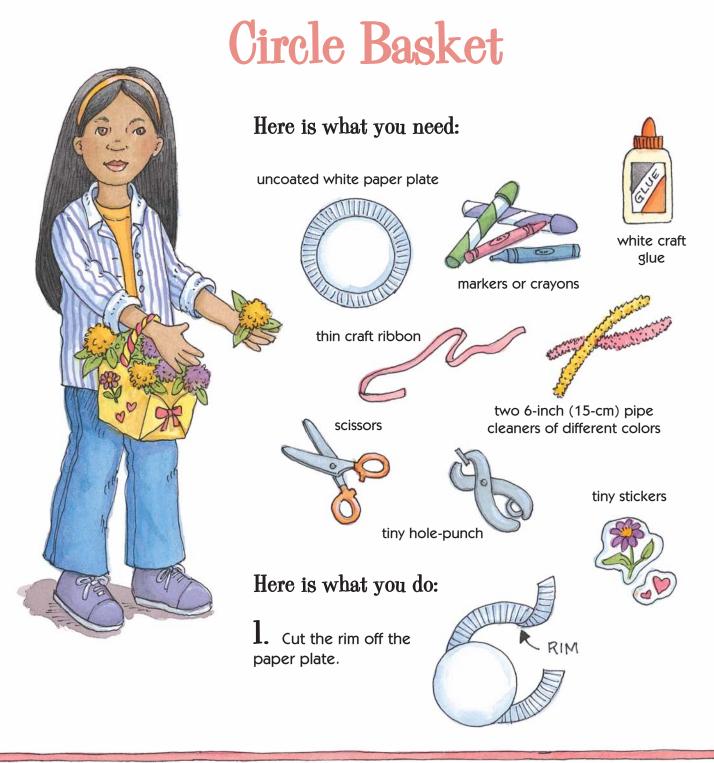
6. Let the plaster dry hard overnight.

7. Paint the plaster handprint one or more pretty colors.

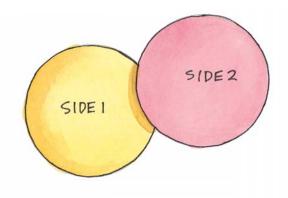
You might want to try using a loop of ribbon glued to the back for a hanger. You can also display the handprint on a table. If you do this, glue a circle of felt to the back of the lid to keep it from scratching the table surface.

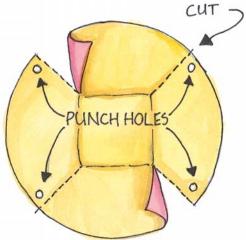
GREEN

A tisket, a tasket, make your doll a basket!



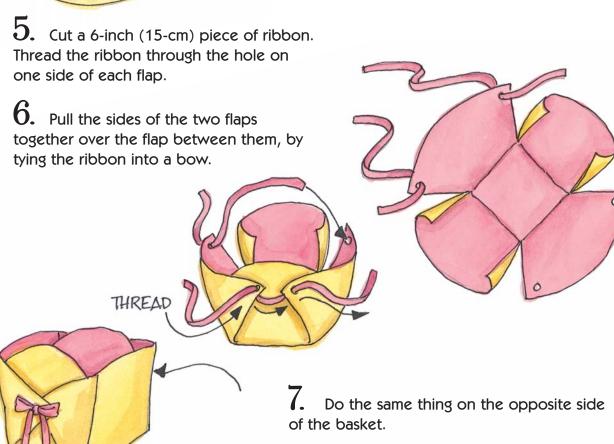
2. Use the markers or crayons to color both sides of the center part cut from the plate.

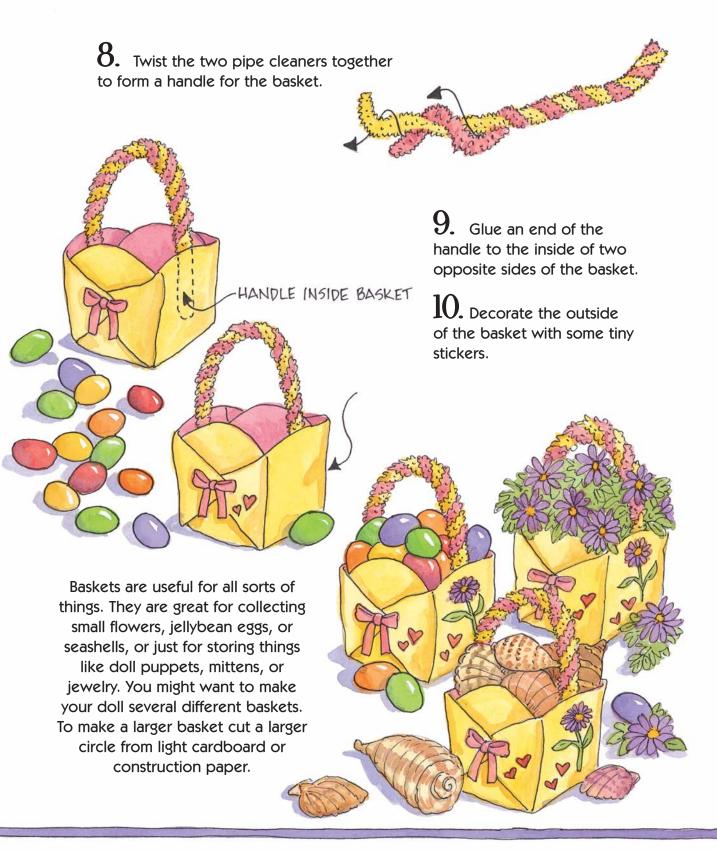




- 3. Cut four 1%-inch (4.5-cm) slits, spacing them evenly around the circle.
- 4. The circle should now have four sections. Punch a hole on each side of one of the sections. Do the same with the section directly across from that one.

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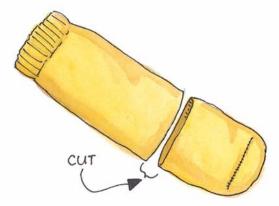
Discarded socks are perfect for making quick and easy doll clothes. Try this idea!

Sock Bathing Suit and Beach Bag



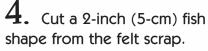
Here is what you do:

 ${f l}.$ Cut the top part of the sock off the foot end. The top part will become the bathing suit.



2. Try the cuff on your doll. If it seems too long for a bathing suit trim the cut end off. It should be about 6 inches (15 cm) long.

3. Use the safety pin to hold the front and back of the center of the cut end together to make the crotch of the bathing suit.



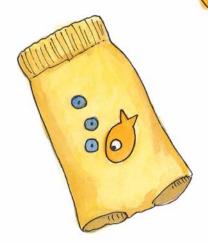
5. Glue the fish to the front of the bathing suit.



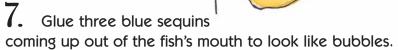
TURN SOCK INSIDE OUT FOR PINNING

1-INCH

SLIT

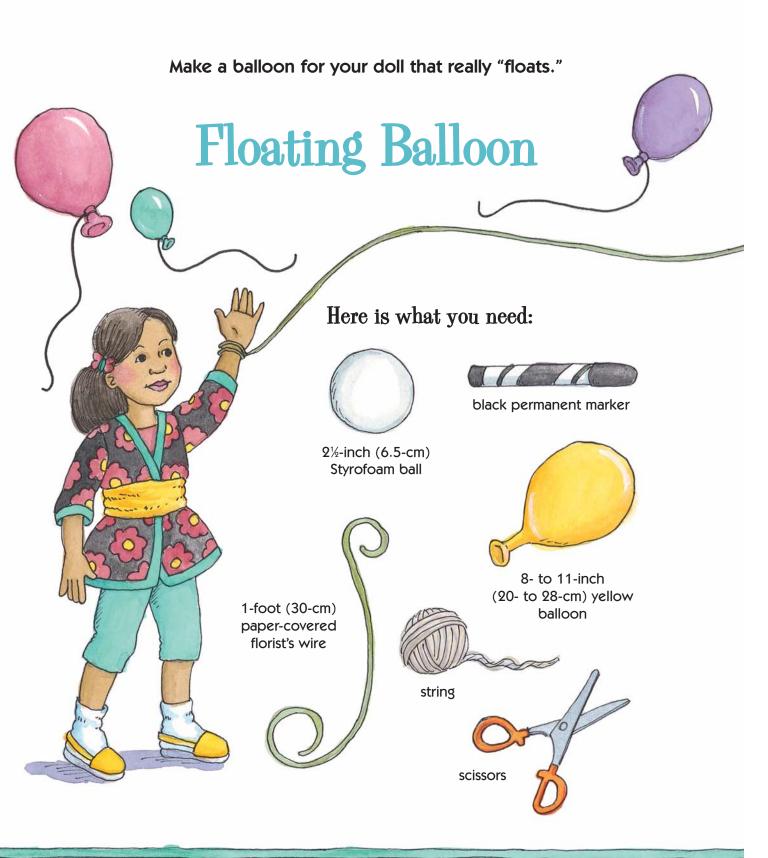


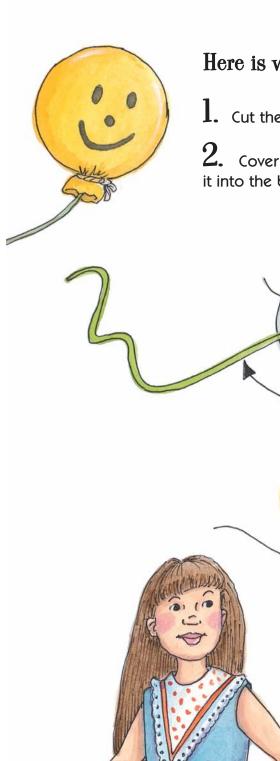
6. Glue the wiggle eye to the head of the fish.



- **8.** Cut a 5-inch (13-cm) -long piece from the toe end of the sock to make a beach bag.
- 9. Cut a 1-inch (2.5-cm) slit on each side of the bag.

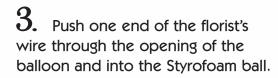






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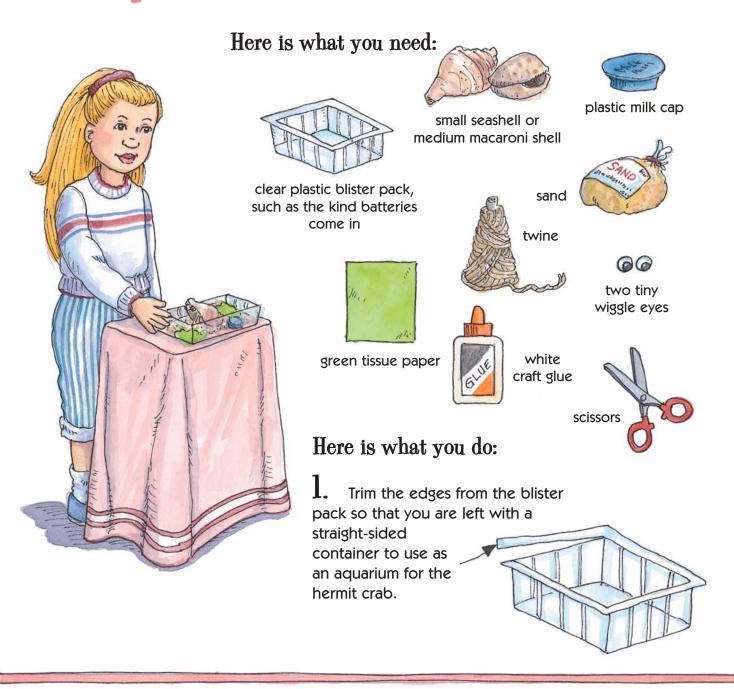
- 1. Cut the neck off the balloon.
- 2. Cover the Styrofoam ball by pushing it into the balloon.

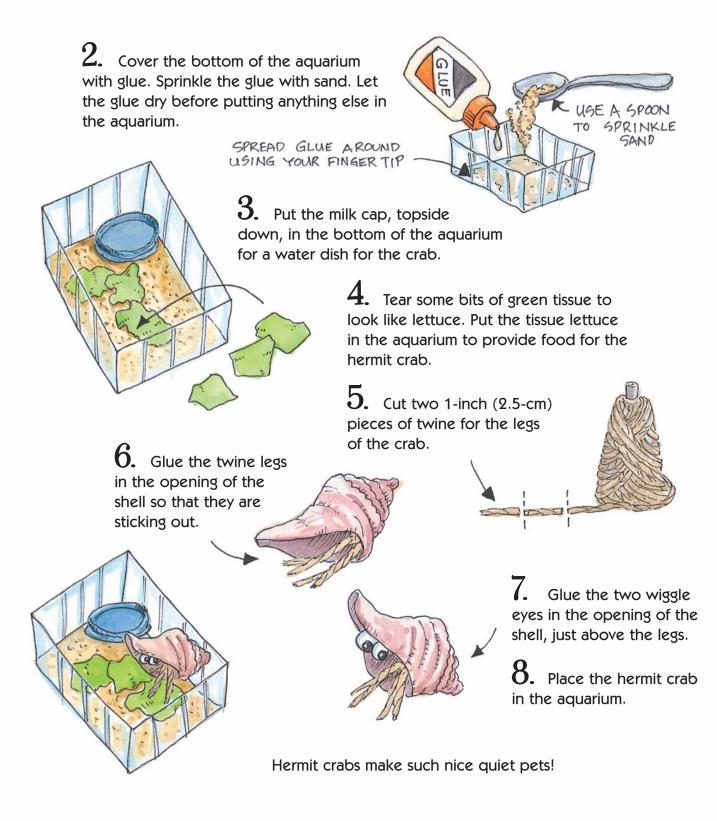


- 4. Tie the opening of the balloon shut over the Styrofoam ball and around the wire with a piece of string.
- 5. Use the marker to give the yellow balloon a smiley face.
- 6. Wrap the other end of the wire around your doll's hand so that the stiff wire supports the "balloon" to make it look like it is floating.

Your doll will probably want lots of balloons in different colors.

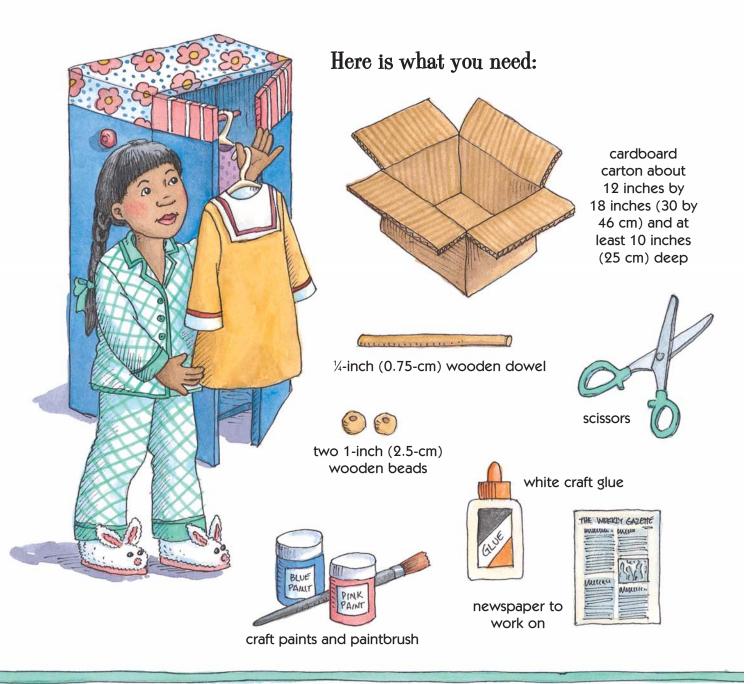
Aquarium and Hermit Crab





If you are going to make your doll some new clothes, you might want to make a nice closet to put them in.

Box Doll Closet



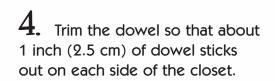
Here is what you do:

1. Stand the box on one of the short sides so that the bottom of the box becomes the back of the closet and the flaps on each side become the doors of the closet.

Cut off the flaps at the top and at the bottom of the carton and save them to use for making the bulletin board on page 24.

2. Poke a hole for the dowel in each side of the closet about halfway back and about 3 inches (8 cm) down from the top.

3. Slide the dowel in through one of the holes and out through the other hole to make the clothes bar.



TOP

HOLES

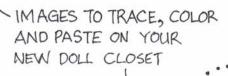
5. Glue a wooden bead over each end of the dowel to secure it.

6. Paint the closet one or more colors both inside and outside. Or you can line the inside of the closet with pretty paper instead of painting it.

7. Decorate the closet using stickers, cut-out pictures, paint stamps, pretty trims, or whatever else you can think of to make it look nice. Decorating is definitely the most fun!



If you want the closet doors to stay securely shut, insert a paper fastener through the inside edge of each door to look like a doorknob. To hold the doors shut tie a piece of thin craft ribbon around the two fasteners, then tie the ribbon in a bow.





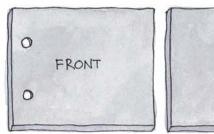
Make your doll her very own scrapbook.

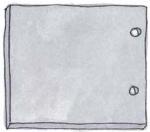
Padded Cover Doll Scrapbook



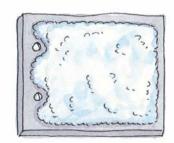
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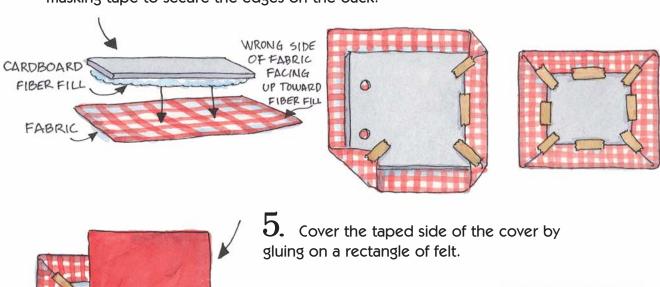
- 1. Cut two 5- by 3 ½-inch (13- by 9-cm) pieces of cardboard for the front and back covers of the scrapbook.
- 2. Punch two holes, 2 inches (5 cm) apart, along one short side of each cover so that the book can be tied together.

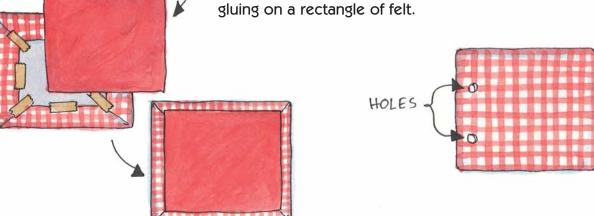




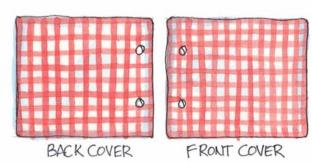
- Glue a thin layer of fiberfill to the outside of the front cover. Make sure you do not cover the holes with fiberfill.
- 4. Wrap the front cover with pretty fabric, using masking tape to secure the edges on the back.



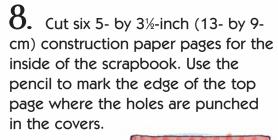


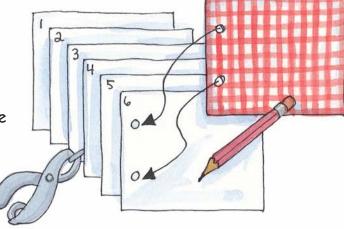


- 6. Punch holes through the fabric to match the holes under the fabric in the edge of the cover.
- 7. Make the back cover in the same way as the front cover.



9. Punch two holes through the edge of the papers.





- 10. Put the papers between the front and back covers of the scrapbook.
- 1. Thread a piece of thin ribbon through the holes and tie it in the front in a pretty bow to hold the book together.

12. Use the craft letter beads to write something on the front of the book like your doll's name or "My Scrapbook."

Use paper scraps and small pictures and stickers to decorate the pages in your doll's scrapbook. To find "photographs" of your doll and her friends to put in the book, cut pictures from a catalog of your doll or a similar doll. You can also go to doll sites on-line and print out pictures.

Help your doll to get organized with this nifty bulletin board.

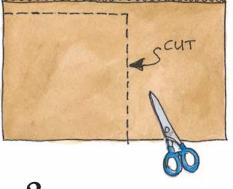
Doll Bulletin Board

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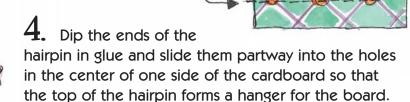




- 1. Cut an 8- by 8-inch (20-cm) square of corrugated box cardboard.
- 2. Cut an 8- by 8-inch (20-cm) square of the pretty wrapping paper.

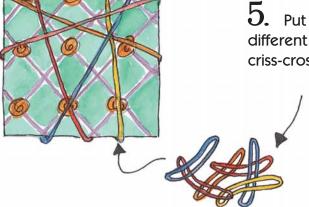


Glue the wrapping paper to one side of the cardboard square to cover it.



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5. Put several rubber bands around the board in different places and at different angles to form a criss-cross pattern of elastic over the bulletin board.



Tuck little pictures, flowers, notes, and homemade greeting cards behind the rubber bands to attach items to the board.

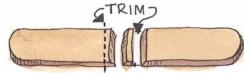


Try this idea for making pretty hangers to use in your doll's new closet.

Craft Stick Hanger



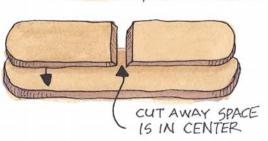
 $2. \ \ \text{Use the scissors to trim away a tiny amount} \\ \text{on each side of the cut stick.}$



3. Glue the two pieces of the cut stick on top of a second stick.

4. Glue the screw-end of the cup hook in the small space in the center of the cut stick

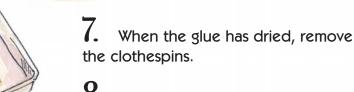
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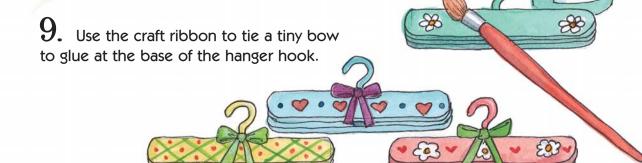
5. Glue the third stick over the cut stick and the screw-end of the cup hook.

6. Secure the three sticks with clamp clothespins and place on the Styrofoam tray to dry.

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8. Paint the wooden part of the hanger with craft paints.



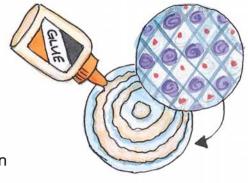
Make lots of different color hangers with different trims and decorations on them.

Discarded wrapping paper is just what you need to make a collection of colorful hats for your doll.

Wrapping Paper Hat



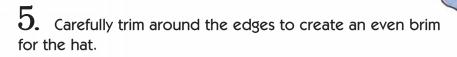
2. Cover the plain side of one of the pieces with lots of glue. Lay the plain side of the other side onto the glue. The edges do not need to match exactly because they will be trimmed.

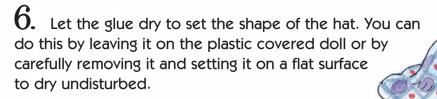




3. Put a square of plastic wrap over your doll's head for protection and secure it with a rubber band.

4. Shape the center of the glued paper over the top of your doll's head to form the hat. Hold in place with the second rubber band. Bend the edges out to create a brim.



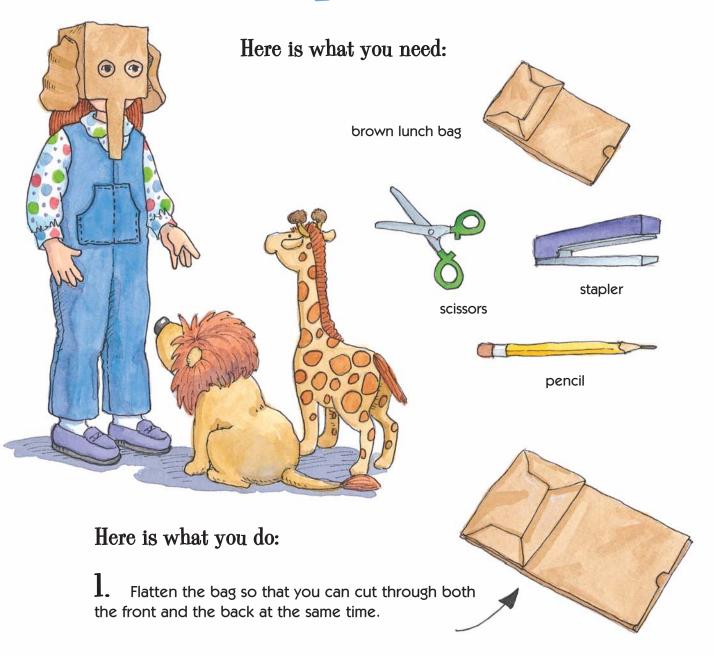


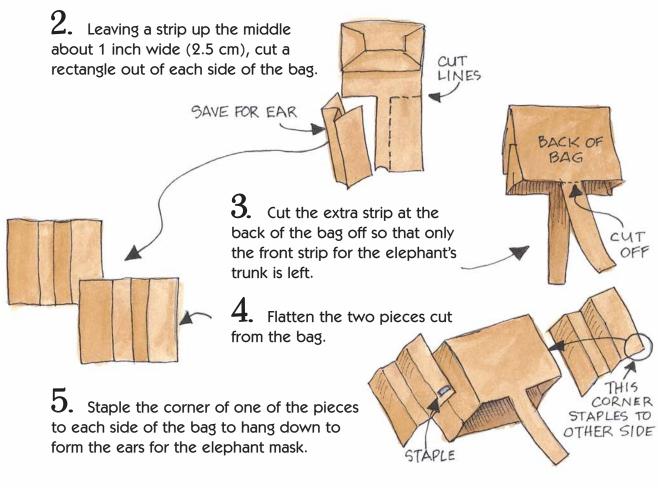


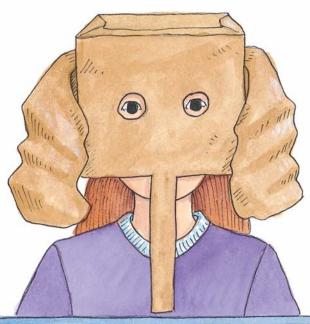
- 7. Trim the hat by stapling a pretty ribbon around it. Tuck some flowers in the ribbon on one side and secure with glue.
- 8. Take the plastic wrap off your doll once the gluey hat has been removed.

Create a whole wardrobe of hats for your doll in different prints and colors.

Bag Elephant Mask





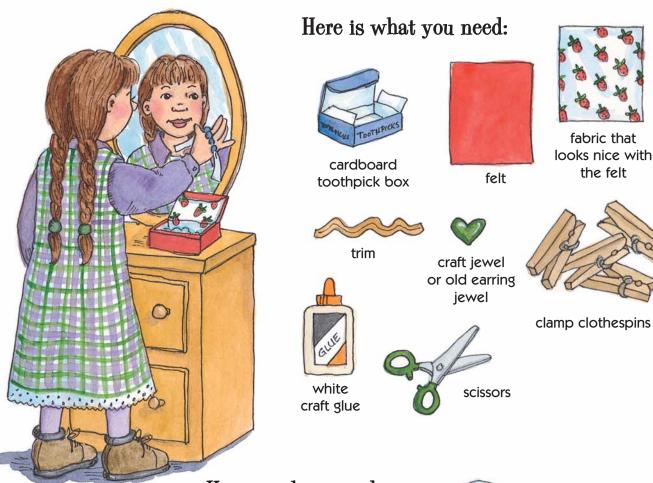


- 6. Put the bag mask over your doll's head to determine where the eyeholes need to be. Mark the area of each eye lightly with the pencil.
- Cut the eyeholes in the front of the mask.

You can make a matching elephant mask for yourself by following these instructions using a grocery bag. Try making bag masks of other animals for you and your doll.

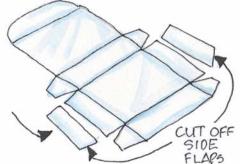
Make a little jewelry box for your doll to keep all her new jewelry in.

Doll's Jewelry Box



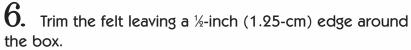
Here is what you do:

- 1. Carefully unglue the box and flatten it.
- 2. If the box has side flaps, trim them off.

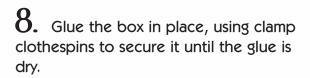




- 3. Glue the inside of the box to a piece of fabric, print side of the fabric out.
- 4. Trim off the excess fabric around the edges of the box.
- **5.** Glue the outside of the box to a piece of felt.







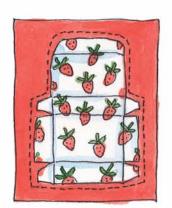
9. Fold the flap of the box in and glue it in place, securing the fold with clothespins.

10. Trim off the excess felt around the edges.



1. Decorate the outside of the box with trim and a craft jewel in the center of the lid.

What an attractive way to store your doll's jewelry when she isn't wearing it.



Here are some ideas for making jewelry for your doll.

Doll Jewelry

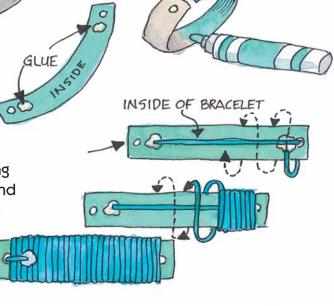


3. Punch a tiny hole in each end of the cardboard strip.

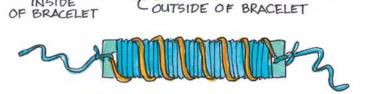
4. Color the strip with markers.

5. Put a dab of glue on the inside of each end of the bracelet in order to secure the beginning of the floss.

6. Anchoring the end of the floss in the glue dab, wrap the strip with embroidery floss to cover it, beginning after the hole punched in one end and stopping when you reach the hole at the other end. Anchor the end with another dab of glue.



7. Using another color floss, wrap a second layer, widely spaced, over the first to decorate the bracelet. Again, anchor both ends with glue.



Cut two 6-inch (15-cm) pieces of floss. Tie an end of a floss piece through each hole to make ties for the bracelet. This will allow you to easily secure the bracelet on your doll's wrist. To remove it, just untie the ties.

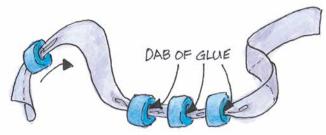


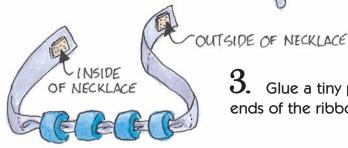
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1. Cut a strip of organdy ribbon to fit around your doll's neck so that it is slightly loose, but not hanging down.

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2. String pony beads on the ribbon, leaving space between them. If they slide around too much, secure them with a dab of glue.





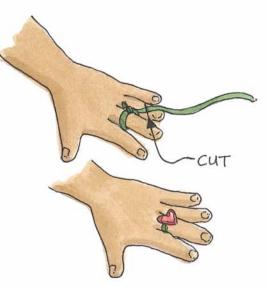
Glue a tiny piece of Velcro to the ends of the ribbon for a fastener.

Ring

Cut a tiny piece of paper-covered florist's wire to wrap around your doll's finger for a ring.

2. Glue a tiny craft jewel on the front of the ring.

How pretty!

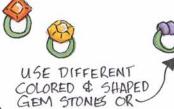




NECKLACE



YOU CAN GLUE TINY BEADS BETWEEN THE SECOND COLOR OF FLOSS



THREAD TWO SMALL BEADS ON FLORIST WIRE & GLUE IN PLACE

A stretchy glove can be turned into mittens and ear warmers for your doll friend.

Mittens and Ear Warmers



Here is what you need:

stretchy glove







pretty trim, ribbon, or sewing decoration

white craft glue

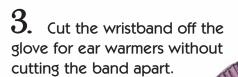
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Here is what you do:

1. Cut a 2-inch (5-cm) piece from two fingers of the glove to make the mittens.

2. Glue a pretty decoration to the wrist of the glove. Use only a dot of glue so that you do not interfere with the ability of the glove to stretch.



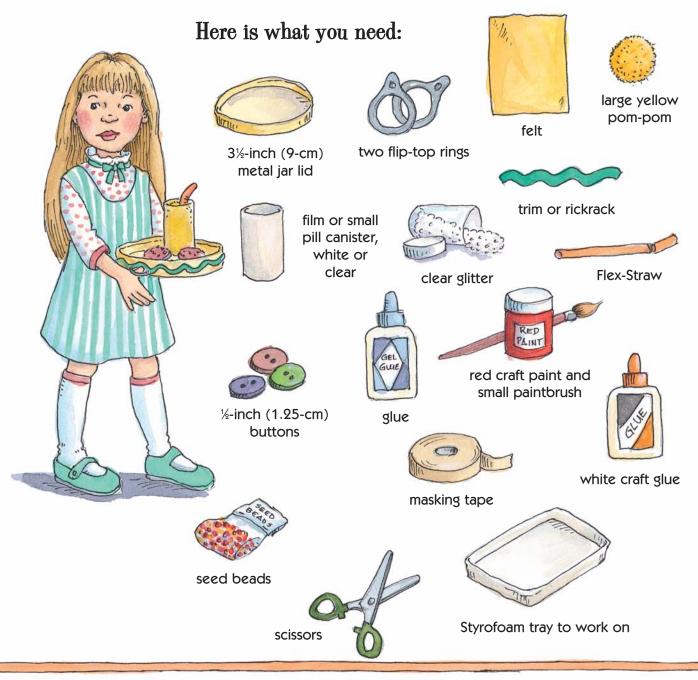
4. Use a dot of glue to attach a pretty decoration to the top of the band.



These mittens and ear warmers are so quick and easy you can make your doll several different sets in no time. Maybe your doll has a friend she would like to give a set to as a gift.

What doll wouldn't like a tray of cookies and lemonade?

Doll Treats



Here is what you do:

Glass of Lemonade

1. Make a doll drink by putting the yellow pompom in the plastic canister to look like lemonade.

2. Cut a 3-inch (8-cm) piece off the top of the straw.



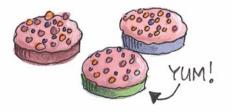
3. Slip the piece into the doll glass so that the straw bends at the top of the glass.

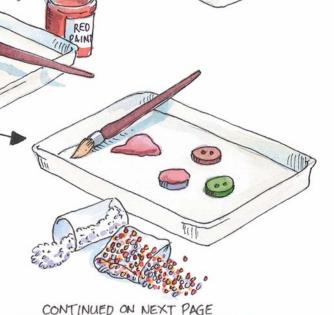
Pink-Frosted Cookies

1. Squeeze a small amount of glue onto the Styrofoam tray.

2. Tint the glue pink with a drop of the red paint. Use the paintbrush to mix it into the glue.

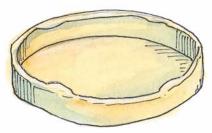
3. Paint the top of three or four buttons with the pink glue to look like frosting. Sprinkle the button cookies with clear glitter (sugar) or seed beads (sprinkles).



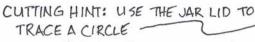


Snack Tray

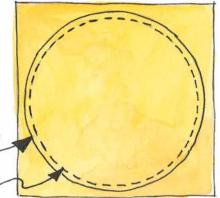
1. Turn the jar lid top-side down to become a tray for the snacks.



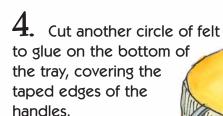
2. Cut a circle of felt to glue on the top of the tray, inside the lid.



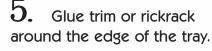
... THEN CUT THE FELT CIRCLE A LITTLE BIT SMALLER —

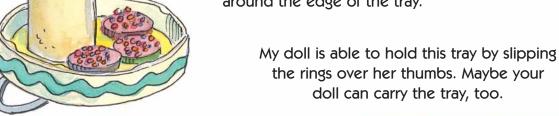


Glue the flip-top rings to opposite sides of the bottom of the tray so that they will stick out on each side to form handles for the tray. Secure the glued rings with a strip of masking tape.



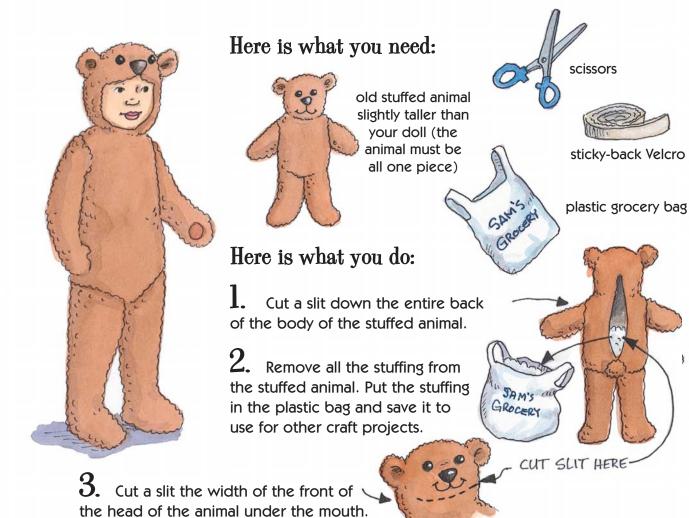






Here is a great idea for making costumes for your doll.

Un-Stuffed Animal Costume





4. Put Velcro dots or a strip of Velcro down each side of the cut in the back of the animal so that it will close.

Put the animal suit on your doll with the head of the doll peeking out through the cut under the mouth. Check garage sales for old stuffed animals to use for making doll costumes.

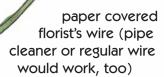
Make this beautiful headpiece so you can play "let's pretend" with your doll.





Here is what you need:

thin craft ribbon in three or more pastel colors





tissue paper in pink and purple shades



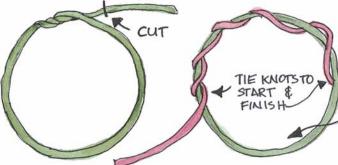




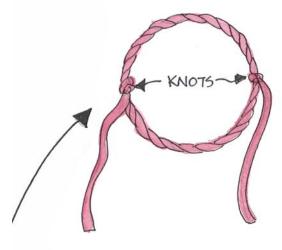
white craft glue

Here is what you do:

1. Shape the wire into a ring that fits on your doll's head. Secure the ring by wrapping the wire around itself.



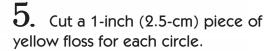
2. Cover the wire ring by wrapping it around and around with ribbon. Tie off the ends of the ribbon at the beginning and at the end, leaving an 8-inch (20-cm) piece, or longer, hanging down on

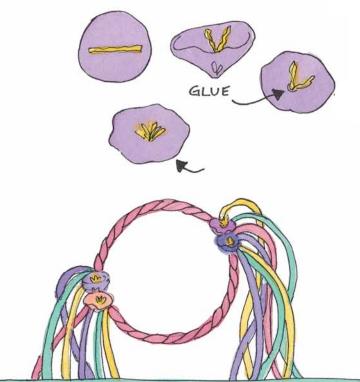


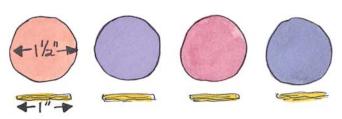
opposite sides of the ring. You may need to use more than one length of ribbon to cover the ring.

3. Tie additional 16-inch (40-cm) lengths of ribbon on each side of the ring. By tying each piece so that the two ends are equal, you will get two 8-inch (20-cm) ribbons hanging down for each piece you cut. Six to eight ribbons hanging down on each side looks very pretty.









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- 6. To make each flower, pinch the center of the circle together with the yellow floss sticking up to form the stamen found at the center of a flower.
- **7.** Secure the center of the flower with a tiny dab of glue.
- 8. Separate the floss strands at the center of the flower.
- 9. Glue two flowers on each side of the ring, just above the ribbons.

Your doll will be a lovely fairy princess when she wears this charming crown.

This jewelry goes in your doll's hair.

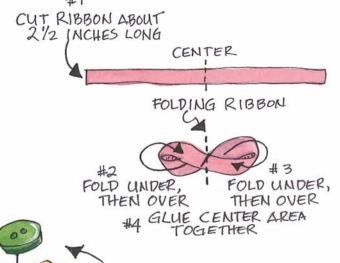
Doll Hair Snaps



Here is what you do:

1. Choose two matching decorations for your doll to wear in her hair. There are several suggestions in the materials list, but you are sure to think of others.

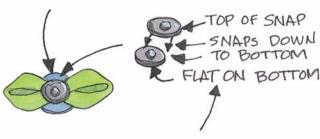
2. Glue a figure to the back of the bump side of the snap.



GLUE DECORATION TO (GLUED) FOLDED RIBBON



3. Let the hair snaps dry on the Styrofoam tray.

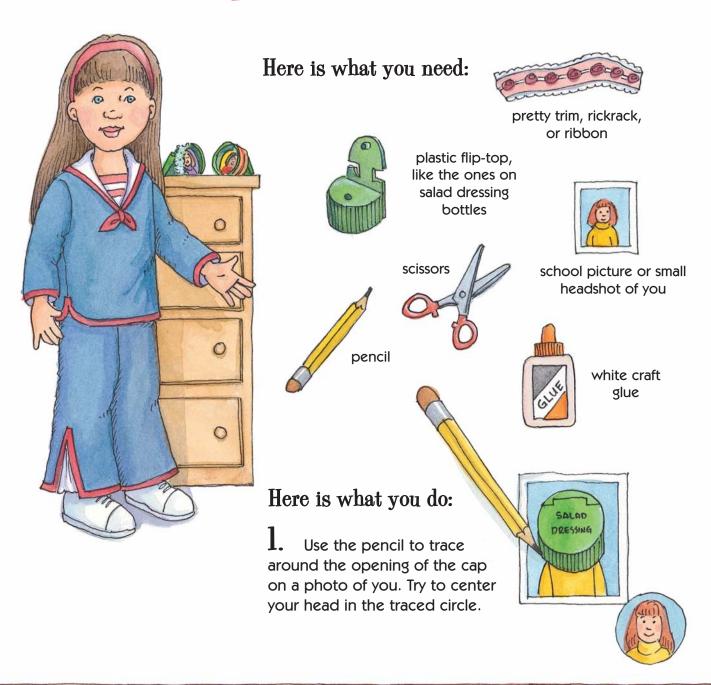


4. To use them, just snap the decoration to the other half of the snap over a section of your doll's hair.

These are so cute, you might want to borrow a few to wear yourself!



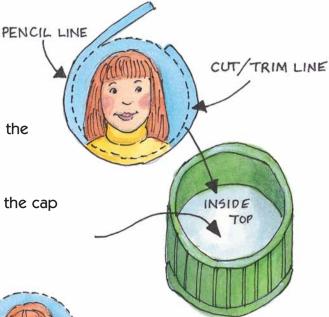
Doll-Size Picture Frame



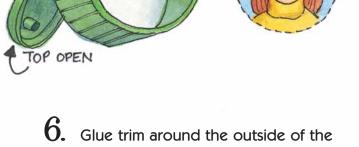
2. Cut the photo out on the inside of the traced line.

3. Trim the photo edges as needed to fit the photo inside the plastic cap.

4. Open the flip-top so that the cap stands up like a picture frame.



5. Glue the photo in the cap so that it will be right side up when the cap is standing.



6. Glue trim around the outside of the bottom portion of the cap (now the front of the frame) to decorate the frame. Make sure that the flip-top is open and you do not get glue on that section of the cap.





Maybe your doll has a very good friend she would like a framed picture of, too.

Look in a catalog for your doll or a similar doll to find her some photos of "friends" to frame.

